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CITY-WIDE INCREASE IN RENTALS IS PROPOSED FOR OCTOBER 1

TENANTS PROTEST TO BOARD

Advised to Ignore Jump Until
Commission Investigates
New Rate.

October 1 is the date set for a city-wide increase of rents in apartment houses and dwellings throughout Washington, according to scores of tenants who thronged into the offices of the District Rent Commission today.

In view of the great number of complaints, the rent board plans to keep a list of all rented properties where rent raises have been ordered.

Tenants Are Notified.
In at least three apartment houses the tenants have been notified that their new leases will contain clauses providing for increases ranging from \$10 to \$15 a month, it was learned. These are the Wyoming, the Farragut and the Rochambeau Apartments.

During the last two weeks in August the commission has been besieged by worried occupants of rented houses and apartments, but the number who approached the rent judges for aid today points to a gradually increasing storm of protest throughout the present month.

"Stay where you are," is the advice given by the commission. File a formal complaint with the commission, asking for an inquiry into the fairness of the rent you are paying and the amount you are asked to pay. Let the commission decide. In the meantime you will not be put out.

Facing Heavy Docket.
Because the tenants in the main have followed these instructions, indications are that the docket which will face the commission during September and October will be the heaviest in that organization's history.

With industrial conditions pressing a difficult winter, officials of the commission said today they were determined that as little hardship as possible would be worked on Washington tenants, at the same time treating the landlords with fairness and impartiality.

The fact that October 1 is given by the great majority of tenants as the date upon which the proposed increases become effective is regarded curiously by rent officials. A concerted move to boost rents here in view of the predicted hard winter is suspected, but no definite information on this score can be obtained.

Higher prices for fuel will be seriously considered by the commission, it was stated today, when many of the cases now on file and to be filed are called for hearing. This feature, it is expected, will affect the commission's rulings to a large degree.

Because of this, the Rent Board plans to keep in close touch with the Public Utilities Commission, which will supervise fuel administration in the District.

SENATOR PROPOSES D. C. DARLINGTON MONUMENT

A resolution introduced in the Senate yesterday by Senator Brandegee of Connecticut, authorizes the chief of engineers of the army to select a site within the District for a monument of the late Joseph James Darlington, attorney of this city who died in 1920, the memorial to be erected by citizens without cost to the Government. It is specified in the resolution that the statue is not to be erected in the Capitol grounds nor on the mall.

Mr. Darlington was born at Due West, S. C. in 1849, and practiced law here from 1875 until his death two years ago. He was a member of the joint citizens committee on suffrage; president of the City Orphan Asylum and a member of the boards of directors of the Washington Loan and Trust Company and the Federal National Bank.

MISS GARDINER LEAVES D. C. EMPLOY TO MARRY

Cupid, who has been doing a big business in the District building, has plucked another fair maiden. This time Miss Loretta Gardiner, of Waldorf, Md., niece of former Commissioner W. Gwynn Gardiner, who is a stenographer and typist in the District Assessor's office, plans to make her debut into the matrimonial world.

On September 11 she will marry Mitchell Clarke Cochrane, of Waldorf, Md. The marriage will take place at 10 o'clock in the morning at St. Peter's Church at La Plata. Rev. C. N. Martin will officiate.

3 ROBBERIES REPORTED TO POLICE FOR ONE DAY

While getting on a car of the Capital Traction Company at Pennsylvania avenue and Seventh street northwest last night, John R. Donnelly, 1427 K street southeast, was robbed by pickpockets of his wallet containing \$25.

Mrs. Annie Usilton, 115 Anacostia road southeast, reported to the police today that a sneak thief entered her home yesterday and stole \$38 and some clothing.

Louis Weaver, who runs a barber shop at 608 Fourth and a-half street southwest, reported to the police that ten pairs of clippers, three razors and \$5 were stolen from his shop last night.

HEARD AND SEEN

BY BILL PRICE

LONG SKIRTS.

(A Dirge.)
La-la, little skirts, la-la,
If you really must go,
There's going to be some mix-up,
For we won't know whom we know.

Now, girls, it's sure outrageous
To cover up your understanding
So,
You may have two good reasons,
But those reasons ought to show.

The streets will be deserted,
And windy days won't mean a thing,
We'll throw away our glasses,
No more of calves we'll sing.

MASKED FAN.

AN EVEN SWAP.

We note the marriage, in Buffalo, of Miss Lillian Custard and George Money. This seems to be a case where the Custard was worth the money.

Mary had a little flute,
She called from it flew:
Every time she'd blow it,
A sultry breeze would brew.
The neighbors say I'm a booby,
And my name around they tout;
Little do they know my downfall
Came from Mary's dove note.

DOC. L.

HITTING 'EM OUT.

"A man is known by the company he keeps," some women by the number of husbands they get divorces from.

Rumors travel fast and pay no attention to traffic laws.

"Keep the Home Fires Burning" was not written by coal magnates or miners.

The average jump for male athletes is five feet. This estimate does not include parachute, board bill and rug jumpers.

All the street Johnnies need is a bit of "curb-john."

Radio may be all right, but still it sounds a bit "phony."

According to Bible history the first hair bobbing was fatal, Samson being the victim. We suspect that Delilah needed a new switch.

HANK HAWKINS.

EPIGRAM EBEN SAYS:

Men, as they grow older, suffer a gradual hardening of the arteries but never any stiffening of the neck.

Solomon must have gained his great wisdom after his days of single blessedness were past, for no man of wisdom would take unto himself a wife, and he would not have been a fool if he had.

If people who never worry about anything ever have occasion to do so, it will probably be because they have to listen to all the sorrowful tales of those who worry about everything.

FRED SCHWAB.

THE OSTREGROUSPOODOLUS.

(No, it's not the name of a Greek god of old.)



This is the ostregrospoodolus, living on the plains of Rungoboulous.
When he's out of town
He sticks his head in the ground,
And thinks he's surely foolin' us.
(Contributed to our Zoo, by PHIL MANSFIELD.)

WHAT'S DOING Today and Tomorrow

Today.
Moonlight trip—National Community Chorus, Seventh street wharves, Steamer St. Johns, evening.
Concert—Community Center Band, Judiciary Park, 7:30 p. m.
Meeting—Unity Society, 601 Thirteenth street northwest, 8 p. m.
Meeting—Rainbow Division Veterans, board room, District building, 8 p. m.
Fair—Eastern Star Sixteenth and Lamont streets, evening.
Meeting—National Capitol Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Grand Army Hall, 8 p. m.
Meeting—William B. Cushing Camp, No. 28, Sons of Veterans, Pythian Temple, evening.
Meeting—Business Women's Council, Church of the Nativity, evening.

Tomorrow.
Concert—Marine Band, White House Grounds, 4:30 p. m.
Outing—Sergeant Jasper Post, No. 13, American Legion, Marshall Hall, all day.
Carnival—Grounds of St. Anthony's Church, North Beach, Md., evening.

Typist Examination.

The Civil Service Commission announced today that women will be admitted to the examination for typist to be held in Washington, and for the purpose of filling vacancies in the Navy Yard, Washington, at \$32.20 a day, five days a week, and no bonus.

PINEY BRANCH PROTESTS NEW TUBERCULAR SCHOOL

Members of the Piney Branch Citizens Association yesterday filed a protest in the District Supreme Court against the District Commissioners retaining the project and slanders reopening the fight to erect a school building for tubercular children at Fourteenth and Upshur streets northwest.

Owners of this immediate neighborhood recently secured an injunction restraining the Commissioners from carrying out the project and the district failed to perfect an appeal in the prescribed time.

Autos Stolen Here During Past 24 Hours

Ford touring, owned by Edgar P. Thompson, 445 Eleventh street northeast. Stolen from in front of above.

Ford touring, owned by William F. McDonald, 4113 Fourth street northwest. Stolen from Tenth and E streets northwest. D. C. tag No. 61495.

Ford touring, owned by Hubbard Harris, 3160 Eighteenth street northwest. Stolen from in front of above. D. C. tag No. 10381.

SHRINERS SEEK QUARTERS FOR ABOUT 400,000

Hotel Subcommittee Is Organized and Begins Work—McCandless Here Tuesday.

Following official incorporation of the Shrine convention committee for 1923 at a meeting last night in the Homer building headquarters, the committee today completed the organization of its hotel subcommittee and, following selection of quarters for the imperial officers Monday, the assignment of quarters for the 400,000 Shriners expected here next June will begin immediately.

The hotel subcommittee is headed by Ellwood P. Morey, chairman, and is composed of Townley A. McKee, proprietor of the Metropolitan Hotel and president of the Hotel Men's Association, vice chairman; Laurence Mills, secretary of the Hotel Men's Association, vice chairman; F. S. Hight, managing director of the New Willard Hotel; R. S. Downs, president of the Hotel Washington; E. C. Owen, managing director, Hotel Powhatan; L. G. Sizer, assistant manager, Hotel Raleigh; A. Gumpert, manager, the New Ebbitt, and Elmer Dyer, manager, Wardman Park Hotel.

Committee Has Big Job.

This hotel subcommittee is one of the most important to be named and is faced with the biggest housing problem ever brought before any group in the National Capital. They must procure living quarters for one week for 400,000 Shriners and 100,000 guests, in addition to providing shelter for thousands of automobiles, trackage for hundreds of Pullman cars, and berths for about a half dozen big steamers.

Incorporation of the executive group of the convention committee was undertaken as a step toward facilitation of the work to be completed within the next ten months. The name selected for the corporation is "Almas Temple, Washington 1923 Shrine Committee, Incorporated."

The incorporators are Leonard F. Stewart, illustrious potentate; F. Lawrence Walker, recorder; and Arthur E. Cook, treasurer, all of Almas Temple. Trustees were elected as follows: Leonard F. Stewart, Ellwood P. Morey, and Thomas E. Jarrell. Harry J. Standford was named executive secretary.

McCandless Here Next Week.

The corporation will handle all business for the coming convention and, as the pressure of business increases, a board of control and an executive committee in direct charge will be created.

All preparations have been completed by the committee for the visit Tuesday of Imperial Potentate J. S. McCandless and several members of his council. The imperial potentate will supervise the selection of 700 rooms for members of the imperial council, following which assignments of quarters to the 156 temples will begin.

Of the 156 temples, 56 have already made application to the committee for quarters, and it is expected that they will be given priority in the matter of assignments.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING, EXPECTED TO RECOVER

Virgil Thompson, twenty-nine years old, 1113 New Hampshire avenue, a motorman employed by the Old Dominion Railway Company, was struck by lightning last night while at Alexandria Junction. He was taken to Rosslyn on a hand car by fellow-workmen and later transferred to the Georgetown Hospital, where it is said his condition was not serious.

GAS COMPANY EMPLOYEE INJURED BY CAVE-IN

Clarence White, colored, an employee of the Washington Gaslight Company, received injuries to the face and shoulders yesterday when he was caught in a cave-in of dirt while working in a ditch at Belmont and Dennison street northwest. Fellow workmen rescued him. White is in the Freedman's Hospital. His home is at 352 G street southwest.

Sweeney Back From Detroit.

Detective Sergeant Thomas F. Sweeney, of the Central Police, yesterday returned from a motor trip to Detroit, Mich. He was accompanied by his two daughters, Miss Catherine and Miss Annie Sweeney, and Mrs. Mary A. Sullivan. The return trip was made by way of Niagara Falls and Buffalo.

Negro Held as Embezzler.

James Braxton, colored, charged with embezzling \$250,000, was held today by Edward Wells, colored, to pay on an automobile, had a preliminary hearing before Judge Mattingly in Police Court this morning and was held under \$1,000 bond for the grand jury.

BOOSTERS FOR LEGION OUTING



LEGIONARIES PREPARING FOR ANNUAL FROLIC

All D. C. Posts to Take Jaurt Tomorrow to Marshall Hall.

The stage is all set for the second annual reunion of the District of Columbia Department of the American Legion, scheduled tomorrow at Marshall Hall. Present indications point to the legion taking the biggest crowds of the season to the nearby resort.

"As You Like It" will be presented by the Washington Shakespeare Society, on the open-air stage back of the old mansion. This will take place after the arrival of the 2:30 boat. Another event which is attracting considerable attention is the contest for the Rickenbacker automobile, which will be concluded just prior to the leaving of the last boat for Washington.

A baseball game between the married men and single men is also on the cards, while the Forty and Eight organization, known as the playground of the legion, will stage a few stunts of its own. Music will be furnished by the Army Music School Band.

Above—Watson B. Miller, District department commander of the American Legion, selling tickets for the outing tomorrow at Marshall Hall to Admiral R. E. Coontz and Mrs. L. S. Higbee.

Below—Miss Lois M. Beach, commander of U. S. S. Jacob Jones Post, gets rid of a few tickets and departs with several dollars of Assistant Secretary Roosevelt's, of the Navy Department.

TOT GIVES HIS MITE TO HELP NEEDY MOTHER

Howard Cheeny, Aged 6, Contributes Hard-Earned Dollar to Mrs. Frye.

Fearing that he might someday "be like the Frye children, without a Daddy," eight-year-old Howard Everett Cheeny, 5217 Blair road, Woodburn, D. C., today sent a contribution to the fund which is perhaps the best exemplification of the spirit in which Washingtonians are rallying to the support of Mrs. Samuel Frye, widow of the murdered Seat Pleasant grocer.

"I am a little boy eight years old," Howard wrote. "I have a daddy today but he is a policeman and some day I may be like the Frye children, without a daddy, so I accept this \$1 I worked hard for. I wanted to start a bank account in a big bank so I could have a book like rich men do. My name is Howard Everett Cheeny. I live at 5217 Blair road, Woodburn, D. C. They call me 'Buddy.'"

Employees of the Treasury Department are blazoning the trail for other Government workers to follow in the generosity of their contributions. Two contributions from this department today totaled \$35. Of this amount \$25 was contributed by employees of the Destruction Division of the Register's Office and \$10 by employees of the Numerical Unit, Registered Surrenders, Loans and Currency, Division, Treasury Department, \$10.

Mrs. Edward Slocum, 50 New York avenue northeast, \$5. "A Friend," \$5. Mrs. J. A. Byrne, \$1. Howard Everett Cheeny, \$1. Anonymous, \$1. Anonymous, \$1.

EASTERN STAR FAIR ATTRACTING THROGS

An elaborate program of entertainment for Labor Day has been arranged by officials in charge of the fair being held nightly at Sixteenth and Lamont streets by the various chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star of the District.

Besides the numerous popular attractions which have drawn thousands of persons since the fair opened Monday night, the Labor Day program will be augmented by a number of special features.

The fair, which is being held for the benefit of the Eastern Star home and the various chapters participating, will continue until September 9. It is being held directly under the auspices of Ruth Chapter, with the following chapters participating: Washington Centennial, Takoma, Mispah, Harding, Brookland, Friendship, Bethany and Acadia.

Inn Raided; Owner Fined.

The Mistletoe Inn, on the Leonardtown pike, below T. B., in Prince George county, was raided last night by Sheriff James Arthur Sweeney and Deputy Sheriff Everett E. Humphrey. They arrested William A. Lowe, manager, on a charge of selling liquor. Lowe was taken before Judge Gore at Upper Marlboro and fined \$400. In default of fine Lowe was committed to jail.

2 BALTIMORE SUSPECTS ARE BELIEVED HERE

Senator France Reports Seeing Man He Thinks Was Walter Socolow.

United States Senator Joseph I. France of Maryland has notified the police that he believes he met at the Capitol on Wednesday Walter ("Noisy") Socolow, alleged bandit, wanted in connection with the killing in Baltimore on August 11 of William B. Norris and the theft of a \$25,000 payroll belonging to the Hicks, Tase & Norris Company, of the Monumental city.

Names Nearly Alike.

With the "tip" handed to them, Baltimore and Washington police concentrated their hunt for Socolow and his fugitive companion, Joseph Hart, former conductor of the East Capitol street line of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, in this city.

According to Senator France, the man he believed to have been Socolow, stopped him in the corridors of the Capitol as he was hurrying along to keep an appointment. They exchanged a few words on the political situation and the man said his name was "Soclow," as the Senator understood it. He commented that he was "mentioned in connection with the murder case." The man then abruptly turned and hurried away.

The Senator, however, told the police that the man who approached him did not answer the description the authorities have of Socolow, and when he saw a photograph of the fugitive said he did not believe it resembled the stranger who approached him. The Senator said further that he did not know what to make of the incident unless someone had sought to direct the police search to Washington while the fugitives were making their escape in another direction.

Sensor France very fine opinion of the police that at the time he encountered the stranger he did not connect the name with that of Socolow. He was in a hurry and went about his business. Not until he was in the train coming back to Baltimore and picked up the paper with an account of the hunt for the fugitives did it occur to him that this man might have been one of them.

Admits Being in Trouble.

Sensor France went to police headquarters and told all about the incident. The man interrupted him, according to his report, with the remark that he had just been through western Maryland looking over political conditions there.

"Is that so? And how did you find them?" Senator France asked.

"They are very favorable to you. They have very fine opinion of you up there," said the young man.

"What's your name?" Senator France asked.

"Soclow," was the reply, as Senator France remembered it.

"You know," he imagined, "I was in Baltimore," the stranger added.

"What's the matter?" the Senator inquired.

"Why," my name has been mentioned in connections with the murder case."

With that the stranger turned and left.

Sensor France explained to the police that he had not been following the murder case closely; that, in fact, the name did not mean anything to him at the time. He imagined that the man had been called as a witness. The boldness of the approach disarmed suspicion.

The man, as described to the police by Senator France, was about five feet eight or nine inches in height, had blue eyes, was neatly dressed in a gray suit, well groomed, of rosy complexion, of athletic build and rather handsome. The description of Socolow as given by the police was of a man five feet four inches, sallow of complexion and rather slim.

COURT TO EXONERATE MINA VAN WINKLE

Reports that Lieut. Mina C. Van Winkle, head of the Woman's Bureau of the Police Department, would be exonerated by the District Supreme Court of a reprimand by the police trial board for alleged "insubordination" created something of a stir in official circles in the District.

It is understood the court order removing the reprimand from Mrs. Van Winkle's record as a policeman has not yet been signed by Associate Justice William Hitz. Such action is expected today or tomorrow.

An appeal to the court ruling probably will be made by the corporation at the time. It was said. Indications are that Commissioner Oyster would press for an appeal and insist that the case be carried to the Court of Appeals.

COURT HANDS HIM JOLT FOR CLOUTING POLICEMAN

Beating up a policeman is frowned upon by the authorities as John Ryan, colored, today found out in Police Court when Judge Mattingly fined him \$70 for assaulting Charles W. Reed, a policeman who attempted to arrest him.

The officer was sitting in his machine in the rear of a garage near Second street and Massachusetts avenue, when Ryan accused him of assaulting water on him. Ryan got boisterous and the officer had to use his blackjack on him, but not before the accused had struck the officer in the chest. Ryan denied having been in the alley.